

What is  
the relevance of  
the agrarian school calendar?

Am I ~~the~~ sustaining a  
burdensome system when  
I cheerfully work too hard?

Do grades matter?  
Should they?

Balance: is it  
possible?

There is no  
"right way" to  
teaching or leading...  
we learn as we go! c:

Are they both  
the same?

Personal life/  
School life

My job is my life.  
Lucky me, can't afford  
to retire.

How do I model balance  
with my own children?

Should one sacrifice  
one for the other?

I agree

My pay sometimes  
makes me feel  
devalued.

The media  
sometimes make  
me feel devalued.

Taking my "stress home"  
taking it out on  
others



Land  
types → eaters /  
chewers

Egotistical  
Educators!

Nosy  
Neighbors

Noisy  
Neighbors

Drivers who  
cut.

My husband's  
offensive driving  
technique. (It offends me)  
Him: The best defense...

reality TV

• People that 😊  
pile food on  
their plates.  
(over-serving)

Pet Peeves

people who choose to allow how  
they live (even in picking up their clothes)  
to lower the quality of life for others

Bullies

People that  
smack  
when asked  
to stop

Laziness -  
certainly not  
a teacher!

Know-it-  
Alls!



helicopter  
\* parents

radical politics

selfish  
actions

\*\* teachers as  
scapegoats

male  
dominated  
legislature

making decisions  
for teaching

✓ (a female dominated  
and the Profession)  
and the kids

white  
middle  
upper  
class

Lack of

and/or  
those who have  
never been in  
a classroom or  
involved w/ education  
on a day-to-day basis

Entropy

Things You Think  
About All the  
Time,  
That Bother You

\* my deficiencies

• where a person's priorities are

money...

trying to work smarter  
not harder.

money\*

grades

not  
enough  
diversity  
in HR  
with  
the idea  
of hiring  
teachers

TIME ✓



Where/how  
the condiments  
should be  
arranged in  
the refrigerator

finances  
Organization

Social security

weight

Losing  
weight!

• comparing  
my life  
to others  
(greener on the  
other side?)

What is  
a teacher worth?  
Teacher salaries...

How can I keep  
my house clean and  
family happy (have  
both) LOL

finding &  
maintaining  
happiness

Treatment of the  
elderly in this  
country!!

Ongoing  
Battles

finding balance

→ Yes! How much can  
I care about "this" v.  
"that"?

Who is going  
to do the  
dishes?

Education  
cuts

Should I stay or  
should I get the  
heck out!!



# The overall effectiveness of Brown v. Board of Education

Dream Act ✓

U.S. involvement  
(military) in foreign/  
international affairs

Historical Topics  
as  
Current Debates

Many students may not  
have a frame of reference  
to be able to form an opinion.  
(Relevance)

9/11 attacks

immigration ✓✓

Equal opportunities/rights (gender/race)

criteria  
for choosing  
our state  
& national  
leaders

Best guitarist

self-determination

confederate  
flag

Official  
US  
Language?



✓ Contemporary news  
coverage - reading/viewing  
for validation vs. information

educational  
reform

too many blinders  
in order to believe  
something

self-confidence? chess

Knowing the  
Other Side-  
The Opponent is  
Already There

Divisive public  
rhetoric

The opposition  
knows what they  
believe... (Maybe)  
It is hard to  
"get" to know  
or understand  
the reasoning when  
the "other side" is  
so firm in their  
belief.



Who decides?

Using 70 as a  
maximum retest  
grade to support/save  
GPA of Top 10% - ditto

Who has  
privilege in this  
country + why?

Income gap +  
"personal  
responsibility"

Right to die

take money  
from "rich" to  
distribute to "poor"

How much privacy  
do public teachers  
deserve?

rich vs. poor

Does every human  
being have a right  
to an education?

Moral/Ethical  
Issues

Our duty to  
take care of  
each other and  
our students  
honestly

Abortion

★ Capital punishment

What criteria  
do we use to  
choose our presidents?  
Is leaving a wife  
who has cancer  
important for  
character/moral?

Censorship



Equity  
of  
access ✓

• Making a  
difference  
in a student's life.

Not giving up.

cycling

Parenting ✓

teaching ✓

melted cheese

The Texas Rangers!

★ Literacy  
★ Teaching

★ The Power  
of Teaching  
in a  
humanities  
subject

The fact that  
President Obama  
still has to prove  
that he was born  
in this country!  
Other presidents  
have not!!

income gap

Student  
motivation being  
blamed as the  
sole reason for  
low performance. ✓

We still need to fight for  
Equal Rights ✓

Stop  
Bullying

gender  
race  
ethnicity  
religion  
sexuality

The Cartel  
in Mexico

Education Culture ✓  
in America

The teaching  
profession ✓  
• respect  
• relative pay  
• increasing demands